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ARTHUR C. HARDY,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.

FULFORD BLOCK,
BROCKVILLE, ONT.

July 15/13.

Dr. Falconer,

President Toronto University,

Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. President;-

Nearly two years ago, I wrote you regarding a Portrait of my Grandfather, the late Hon. Jos. Morrison, formerly Chancellor of Toronto University, and I afterwards received the resolution of the Senate that they would be pleased to accept one for the University collection.

I have not written to you before, as I found it almost impossible to find a man sufficiently good who cared to paint a portrait from the little material I could give him, but just before leaving London, I was able to do this, partly I suppose, yet not entirely, through having some portraits of my own family painted in London and as the artist, Mr. Alfred Haywood had undertaken to copy two or three English portraits of South African Celebrities for a gallery in that Country.

While Mr. Haywood is not of the first rank by any means, he is a young man, and was recommended to me by one of the first Judges and dealers in London, and I am quite positive that he will give us a work that will be an addition to the Portrait Gallery in the University.

I hope to have the portrait out for convocation.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Hardy

ACH/AMS.

April 29th, 1914

A. C. Hardy, Esq.,

Brockville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hardy:

Yesterday Sir Edmund Walker and I had a view of the portrait of your grandfather, the Hon. Joseph Morrison, which has come to the University and is now being kept in Convocation Hall. We were much pleased with the portrait and will see that it is formally received by the University at the Convocation on the fifth of June. Have you any statement that you would like to make with regard to it on that occasion ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

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June 1st, 1914

A. C. Hardy, Esq.,

Brockville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hardy:

On Friday afternoon of this week, June 5th, Commencement will take place at three o'clock, and we hope at that time to have the formal presentation made of your grandfather's portrait to the University. Will it be possible for you to be here and to present the portrait ? If you can come and do this and will kindly let me know, I will have some seats reserved for you on that occasion ?

Yours sincerely,

President.